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FOR: FAA BRUSSELS

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TAGS: ETRN, NI

SUBJ: CIVAIR: ALLEGED SABOTAGE AGAINST NIGERIA AIRWAYS
AIRCRAFT

REF: LAGOS 7737

1. INQUIRIES AT CAA ELICITED FOLLOWING FACTS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING INCIDENTS REFTL.

A. THERE WERE TWO CASES, ONE ON 12 FEB. INVOLVING A B707 WHICH AFTER STARTING ENGINES ON A PRE-DEPARTURE CHECK DETECTED TROUBLE IN NUMBER 3 ENGINE WHICH WAS SHUT DOWN. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT A METALLIC OBJECT HAD BEEN INGESTED. THE RECOVERED OBJECT APPEARED TO BE A CHAIN SHACKLE FROM A TOWING CHAIN. THE SECOND INCIDENT WAS ON 4 AUG AND AGAIN INVOLVED A PRE-DEPARTURE CHECK ON A B707. A LARGE PIECE OF METAL WAS FOUND BEHIND THE 1ST STAGE ROTOR IN ONE OF THE ENGINES. IT RESEMBLED A HAND-GRIP FOR A TOWING BAR.

B. BOTH INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN THE CENTRAL MAINTENANCE AREA OF HEATHROW.

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C. BRITISH AIRWAYS AND UK CID ARE JOINTLY INVESTIGAT-

ING AND HAD TRIED TO KEEP THE CASES QUIET IN ORDER TO NAIL THE PERPETATORS BEFORE ANY NOTICE WAS GIVEN TO THE PUBLIC. SINCE THE NIGERIAN PRESS REPORTS, THIS EFFORT HAS BEEN NULLIFIED.

D. HOWEVER THERE HAVE BEEN NO OFFICIAL CONCLUSIONS PUBLISHED, THE UNOFFICIAL CONCLUSIONS ARE THAT BOTH INCIDENTS WERE DELIBERATE AND WITH SABOTAGE AS THE OBJECTIVE.

2. CAA SOURCES WILL KEEP US INFORMED IF THERE ARE ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS.
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